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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 2 cents higher on larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to yesterday. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to good, usually moderate to good. Supplies were closely balanced to at times ample and confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the light to fairly good demand. Spent hens were mostly sufficient for the light to fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for all sizes with the balance of prices in all other areas unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned egg sales were in a full range of light to very good with loose egg demand light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample and confidently held.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	67-76	70-73	LARGE	53-62	57
LARGE	66-75	68-71	MEDIUM	46-52	50
MEDIUM	61-70	63-66	SMALL	31-35	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were at best adequate to fully sufficient for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the fairly active demand. Light type hen demand was light to no better than fair at best for mostly adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	69-83	74-78
MEDIUM	64-77	69-71

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment firm. Retail demand fair to very good, usually moderate to good. Loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to close and confidently held. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for the limited demand. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample, mostly adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
MEDIUM	67.5-76	69-72

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was firm entering the weekend. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to close and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for an improved demand. Light type hens were mostly sufficient for the light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-85.25	75-78
LARGE	72-84.25	73-76
MEDIUM	66.5-74	67-71

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were 2 cent higher on extra large, large, however medium were unchanged when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	90-94
LARGE	88-92
MEDIUM	80-84

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74-82	75-77
LARGE	72-80	73-75
MEDIUM	67-75	68-70

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was firm. Asking prices for next week 5-6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3-4 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand was moderate. Offerings were generally adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 85.

**CALIFORNIA** Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	117
LARGE	111
MEDIUM	105

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-319
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	199-289
MEDIUM	189-245

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	102-106
EXTRA LARGE	100-105
LARGE	98-101
MEDIUM	92-95

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices continued unchanged. Demand was light with offerings balanced to adequate and were reported as becoming harder to locate. Floor stock were balanced to instances ample, mostly adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady. Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

BREAKING STOCK 38-39  
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 23-30 25-27  
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Offerings were short to about adequate for trade requirements. Demand continues to show improved and was fairly active. The undertone was steady to full steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 30-Dec-2006 were 10% less than the previous week, and 5% less than the same week a year ago. Total cases broken in the Eastern region were about 5% lower than a year earlier.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

BREAKING STOCK 33-38 34-36  
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 20-28 21-25  
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**-W/E 30-Dec-06 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,177,902	29,528	10,745	5,506	2,482	4,223
PW	1,254,047	32,127	11,283	6,036	2,925	4,427
LY	1,126,461	28,790	9,812	5,157	2,344	3,809
% PW	-6%	-8%	-5%	-9%	-15%	-5%
% LY	5%	3%	10%	7%	6%	11%
2006	66,912,435	1,664,808	613,322	324,325	140,531	225,795
2005	67,703,058	1,620,182	646,254	346,243	147,988	228,839
% YTD	-1%	3%	-5%	-6%	-5%	-1%
					CW	PW
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)					42.45	42.96
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)					38.87	39.43
						LY
						42.23
						38.85

**IN-LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	606,745	51.5%	16,776	56.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	612,608	48.9%	17,241	53.7%
LAST YEAR	528,650	46.9%	15,043	52.3%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg, firm for whites, and steady for yolk. Offerings were balanced to adequate for whole egg, short to adequate for whites, and adequate for yolk. Demand was light to fairly good for whole egg and yolk and good to very good for whites. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	20	26-29	26.25	.92
WHITES	37	31-37.5	31.72	.72
YOLKS	13	36-42	39.88	.05

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg and whites ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with sugared yolk unchanged and salted yolk unchanged to 2 cents higher. Asking prices for all frozen products were reported as trending higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg, whites, and sugared yolk and steady for salted yolk. Demand was light to moderate for all frozen products with offerings adequate to available. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) - TRUCKLOTS

**RANGE MOSTLY**

WHOLE	47-52	48-51
WHITES	47-53	47-51
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-59	53-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-56	50-54

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole and salt yolks, and lower on whites and sugar yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were balanced to adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady and improving. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 30-Dec-2006 were 16% less than the previous week, and 8% lower than year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

LTL

TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)

**RANGE MOSTLY RANGE**

WHOLE	46-51	48-50	51-57
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	44-52	47-50	51-58
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-59	55-57	60-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-53		56-64

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 12/30 was 29% less than the previous week. Demand seasonally good. Freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB Shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

**RANGE**

WHOLE	52-56
WHITES	51-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks and blends, but unchanged to lower on albumen and irregular on whole when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light, but trading was usually reported as very light. Offerings were adequate for current needs. Trade sentiment was mixed, but usually steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Dec-2006 were 15% less than the previous week, but 6 % higher than a year ago. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 6% lower than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.65-1.90	MOSTLY 1.65-1.85
YOLKS	1.20-1.40	MOSTLY 1.25-1.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.35-3.65	MOSTLY 3.40-3.60
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.35-1.50	MOSTLY 1.35-1.45

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 29, 2006-JAN 04, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								64.25	FUTURE LOADS								56.75	TOTAL LOADS								121.00
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	56.50	62.04	54.00	56.63	61.00	57.00	45.00		GNR W 1	—	61.00	—	—	—	—	22.00		GNR W 1	—	61.00	—	—	—	—	22.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GNR BR 1	—	80.00	—	—	—	—	2.00		GNR BR 1	—	80.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GL W J	—	—	74.50	76.00	81.00	—	1.25		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25	
GL W XL	—	66.92	66.17	68.35	63.56	69.00	36.75		GL W XL	61.00	74.00	—	—	—	76.31	10.25		GL W XL	61.00	74.00	—	—	—	76.31	10.25	
GL W LG	—	—	—	61.74	62.99	65.00	37.50		GL W LG	57.57	65.50	—	72.00	—	74.91	28.00		GL W LG	57.57	65.50	—	72.00	—	74.91	28.00	
GL W MD	67.00	60.00	61.60	63.92	54.94	—	19.00		GL W MD	—	62.00	—	64.50	—	66.56	8.75		GL W MD	—	62.00	—	64.50	—	66.56	8.75	
GL W SM	50.00	52.50	—	—	—	—	2.00		GL W SM	42.00	—	—	—	—	52.00	2.00		GL W SM	42.00	—	—	—	—	52.00	2.00	
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25		GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	96.75	1.25		GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	96.75	1.25	
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	99.29	2.00		GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	99.29	2.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	38.52	21.00																			
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	2.00																			

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair following the holidays. Offerings were mostly adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were reduced due to the New Years Day holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	7-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading activity was too few to report. Demand was light for the fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow to fair. Disposal costs were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand into traditional processors seasonally light after the holidays. Schedules were full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	5-7

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules were holiday light. Offerings adequate.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged to slightly higher on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was fair. Processing schedules were reduced due to the New Year's Day holiday. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 24-24.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-30 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 30-Dec-06

**This report will be released when the information becomes available.**

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	77.00	76.00
SOUTHEAST	76.50	74.50
MIDWEST	71.50	69.50
SOUTHCENTRAL	76.50	75.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	75.40	73.91

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-****U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****FOR WEEK ENDING****DECEMBER 23, 2006****DATA UNAVAILABLE****COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 30-DEC-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	191.9	-1	-12
East North Central	669.2	4	6
West North Central	290.7	-3	-3
South Atlantic	190.0	-1	-5
South Central	55.1	-15	-14
West	190.0	-8	0
Total	1586.9	-1	-1
Matched plants reporting	82	82	
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)			
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)			
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)			
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)			

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 30-DEC-2006	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Selected	(In Thousands)		LW	LY
<b>Consuming Centers</b>				
Atlanta	34.7	36.9	-6	-5
Boston	3.2	3.3	-3	3
Chicago	85.1	97.8	-13	17
Detroit	17.8	20.2	-12	-15
Kansas City	4.3	5.1	-16	13
Los Angeles	102.6	108.3	-5	-6
New Orleans	5.8	6.0	-3	-12
New York	30.4	32.9	-8	2
St. Louis	16.8	19.7	-15	-12
San Francisco	19.1	20.7	-8	1
Total	319.8	350.9	-9	0
4 Week Moving Avg.	335.0			

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)**

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
	(THOUSANDS)		
AM 01/01/07	3,256	36,813	60,489
AM 12/01/06	3,159	38,753	65,295
CHG	97	-1940	-4806
PCT CHG	3%	-5%	-7%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2006 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2007 are:

FROZEN EGGS	18	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	199	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	642	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** Jan 03, 2007

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	132	127	105	61
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	125-129	120-124	98-102	56-60
MOSTLY	127-128	122-123	100-101	58-59
RHODE ISLAND	131-135	126-130	104-108	65-69
MOSTLY	131	126	104	65
VERMONT	132	127	105	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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